

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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WEEKS MARINE, INC., et al.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION, et al.,

Defendant.  
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**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
DISMISS**

07 Civ. 6811 (AKH)

ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.:

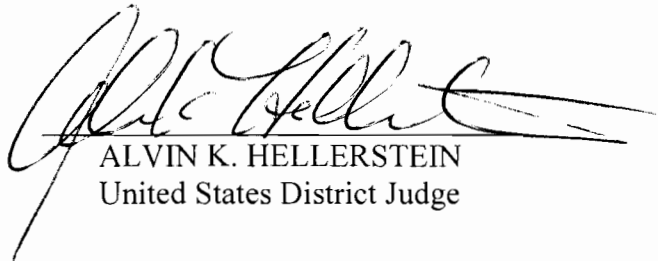
Defendant Bridgestone Corp. has moved for dismissal of the Complaint in this case, pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on the ground that the Plaintiffs have failed to state a cause of action for which relief can be granted. Defendant alleges that the Complaint fails to meet the heightened pleading standards for antitrust litigation that were recently adopted by the United States Supreme Court in Bell Atlantic v. Twombly, 127 S.Ct. 1955, 1965-1966 (2007). I find that the claims put forth in the Complaint piggyback from a government antitrust complaint and are legally sufficient, even under the new framework established by Twombly.

Accordingly I deny Defendant's Motion to Dismiss per Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6).

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

October 15, 2007  
New York, New York

  
ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN  
United States District Judge